

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 10, 18 and 27 are amended, and claim 19 is cancelled. This leaves claims 10-18 and 20-27 pending in the application, with claims 10, 18 and 27 being independent.

Claim 10 is changed to correct a typographical error.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claims 10-17 are allowed. Amended claim 18 adds the limitations of claim 19 so as to constitute original claim 19 rewritten in independent form. Claim 27 is amended to add the limitations of claim 18 so as to constitute claim 27 rewritten in independent form. Since such claims are indicated as being allowable on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 18 and 27, as well as the claims dependent thereon should also be allowable. The record will not be burdened with comments comparing these allowable claims with the cited patents.

Since no new issues are raised by this Amendment, entry thereof is appropriate, even though submitted after a final Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action toward that end is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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